

# BIG DRIVE BY RUSSIA PUTS HOPE IN ALLIES

London Observers See Purpose to Split Teutonic Line, Overrun Balkans and Crush Turkey.

RUMANIA'S ATTITUDE MATTER OF CONCERN

London Is Wondering What United States Will Do Regarding Sinking of Steamer Persia Without Warning.

BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE.  
London, Jan. 2. (10:06 p. m.)—Russia's campaign in Bessarabia continues to be the most important visible war activity. From the Dniester to the Rumanian frontier, over a front of at least three hundred miles, a huge Russian force with a great appearance of confidence, is hurling sledge-hammer blows at the opposing forces which, according to all accounts, totals at least one and a half millions of men.

Petrograd still claims considerable successes in the early stages of the campaign and dispatches emphasize the excellent equipment, supplies and munitions that Russia laid up for this purpose during a period of comparative passivity.

English Observers Pleased.

Some London observers, speculating on the meaning of the Bessarabian move, hail it as one of the most ambitious strategic plans since the beginning of hostilities, and predict that it will prove a colossal attempt to break the backbone of the German allies' whole line across the Balkans.

"This one critic says: 'The plan is that Russia and the other allies, moving from different sides, shall meet in the Balkans and split complete success of that peninsula. If successful, Turkey will be situated and the vital of Austria-Hungary menaced.'

Hope for Rumanian Aid.

So long as Russia keeps up her present activity just north of the Rumanian border, the attitude of Rumania will continue to grow in importance. The probable death of an American consular officer, brings up in the European capitals the familiar query as to what the United States will do. Dispatches from English correspondents picture the sinking of the Persia as a particularly aggravating case, owing to the fact that the ship was not only hit without warning or opportunity for the passengers to escape, but was also hit in a most vital part, so that she sank almost immediately, the whole time from the launching of the torpedo to the appearance of the liner being only five minutes.

For the English cabinet, Wednesday will be a red letter day, for on that day Premier Asquith will introduce legislation, and the premier probably has never had a more difficult task than he will have in engineering this measure, and his speech, presenting it to the house, is expected to be one of the finest efforts of his career.

## SEVERE FIGHTING ON THE DARDANELLES

Constantinople, Jan. 1. (Via Amsterdam and London, 10:00 a. m.)—Heavy fighting continues along the Dardanelles front held by the entente allies. An engagement in which the land and sea forces of the invaders took part is reported by the war office in the following statement:

"Near Sedd-i-Bahr, on the night of December 29-31, there was active bomb-fighting which lasted until morning.

"On the afternoon of December 31, we expended two mines on our right wing. The enemy's artillery, assisted by two cruisers, bombarded our front. We replied effectively.

"Our batteries at the narrow bombarded the landing place at Sedd-i-Bahr and the neighboring range. The French battleship Suffren, assisted by five torpedo boats, replied unsuccessfully."

## HUNDREDS DRIVEN FROM HOMES BY FLOODS

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Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Several hundred persons were driven from their homes and considerable property damage was done by floods throughout Ohio today. No loss of life was reported but the situation in several cities, particularly in the southern part of the state, was regarded as serious.

Heavy rains which fell almost continuously yesterday and night snow caused many rivers to rise rapidly.

## THE WEATHER

WEATHER FORECAST.  
Denver, Jan. 2.—New Mexico: Monday and Tuesday, fair; warmer north portion Monday.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.  
For twenty-four hours, ending at 6 p. m. yesterday:  
Maximum temperature, 64 degrees; minimum, 11 degrees; range 53 degrees; temperature at 6 p. m. 35 degrees; southwest wind; clear.

## FIRST BREAK COMES IN BRITISH CABINET

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London, Jan. 2. (10:00 a. m.)—The Chronicle announces definitely that Sir John A. Simon, secretary of state for home affairs, retires from the cabinet. "Thus breaking his brilliant ministerial career for conscience sake," Sir John A. Simon enjoyed a rapid and brilliant career after a remarkable success at the bar. He entered parliament in 1906 and joined the ministry first as solicitor general, afterwards as attorney general. He is so strong a nationalist that he was almost decided to resign with Viscount Morley and John Burns when the war broke out.

It was only the German violation of Belgian neutrality that induced him to remain as a member of the government.

When the coalition government was formed last May, Sir John refused the great prize of the post of lord high chancellor made vacant by Viscount Haldane's retirement, because he preferred a political career and became a home secretary.

## OFFICIALLY DEAD BUT VERY MUCH ALIVE

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Denver, Jan. 2.—A man who has been dead for more than fifty years, according to the records of the department of justice, tomorrow, when W. A. Jamieson, of Denver, takes the position of an announcer in the United States district court here, Jamieson, a corporal in the 103rd Pennsylvania infantry in the civil war, escaped from the Andersonville, Ga., prison. His name was confused with that of another prisoner who died and Jamieson has a picture of his tombstone, No. 4590 in the national cemetery at Andersonville. His "death" is recorded on August 2, 1864.

## CONDITION OF HUERTA THOUGHT TO BE CRITICAL

Operation for Gall Stones Discloses Serious Disorder and Aged Mexican Warrior May Not Recover.

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El Paso, Tex., Jan. 2.—General Victoriano Huerta, who was operated on last yesterday for gall stones, was pronounced in a serious condition to night by his physician, Dr. M. P. Schuster. The operation, itself a minor one, resulted in the discovery of a quantity of fluid in the intestinal tract. The presence of this fluid was unsuspected when the operation was planned and was believed to indicate complications of the liver and bladder.

General Victoriano Huerta, who succeeded President Madero in executive power in Mexico, after the coup d'etat which resulted in the deaths of President Madero and Vice President Suarez, and later left Mexico was arrested at Newsum, N. M., last year and charged with complicity in the revolution in Mexico.

Upon his waiver of examination he was held for the grand jury at San Antonio, convening January 11. He was detained at Fort Bliss in the custody of the United States marshal during the summer. In the fall he developed jaundice and was removed to the home he established here. He apparently recovered and was again transferred to Fort Bliss. A few weeks ago he suffered a relapse and was removed again to his home where the operation was performed yesterday.

## GERMAN LONG RANGE GUNS SHELL NANCY

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Paris, Jan. 1. (Delayed in Transmission.)—The following report was given out by the war office tonight:

"Between the Avere and the Oise our heavy artillery silenced the enemy batteries in the region of Amy, to the south of Roye.

"Between Soissons and Rheims the fighting with mines. We exploded successfully two small mines in the region of Troyen and a third near Pompeille, southeast of Rheims.

"During the afternoon a long range gun of the enemy discharged about ten projectiles at Nancy and its environs. Two inhabitants were killed and seven wounded slightly. The material damage was small. The gun which discharged these shots was immediately attacked by us."

## FRENCH BOMBARD GERMAN ARMY CAMP

Paris, Jan. 2.—The following communication was made public this afternoon at the war office:

"In the Champagne region a heavy artillery bombardment against a German army camp was carried out by the French army in the region of Boulayville.

"A German attack with hand grenades against our trenches in the vicinity of the Tullery road, at Boulayville, was repulsed."

## ROOSEVELT IS LOOMING LARGE IN REPUBLICAN CALCULATIONS

Former President's Boom for Nomination at Chicago Convention Comes in With Sweep of Tidal Wave.

## OLD GUARD BEGIN TO TRIM FOR INEVITABLE

Ample Preparedness Is Issue Colonel Is Springing on the Country; Penrose Sees Handwriting.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE TO MORNING JOURNAL)  
Washington, Jan. 2.—Development of the last few days show that Theodore Roosevelt has the old guard of the republican party in the hole.

His stock is rising so fast that within a few weeks it will be apparent that the republican party will have to take Roosevelt practically by force or take Roosevelt himself.

The evidence of the Roosevelt boom is both oral and written. The great volume of written demands upon Roosevelt that he stand for the republican nomination continue to pour in increasingly. Within a few days it has assumed the appearance of a tidal wave.

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## President Hears Rumblings.

The president, from his honeymoon retreat in Virginia, has heard the rumblings and has sent orders here to have the military and naval staffs pushed immediately after the recess. He has been told in return that the plans brought in by the navy and war departments, if not backed by him, will be rejected in favor of a stronger program.

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## FORD RETURNS DETERMINED TO CARRY ON WORK TO BRING PEACE

Learned While Abroad That Men in Trenches Are Really Responsible for War, He Declares; Did Not Think.

## BLAMES PEOPLE FOR NOT RULING THEMSELVES

Confident Mission Will Succeed and Says He May Charter Another Ship and Return Later.

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New York, Jan. 2.—Henry Ford, who left the peace expedition which left here December 4 on the steamship Ocar II for Copenhagen in the hope of bringing about a conference of neutral nations that would end the war, arrived here today on the steamer Bergenford. He confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness, but said it made a difference of only a few days, as he intended when he left to come back this month.

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